

Appl. No. : 09/731,474
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REMARKS

Applicant has the following comments in response to the above-office action.

Discussion of Claim Status

In the Office Action mailed February 19, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 13, 14, and 24-48. Claims 5-11 and 15-23 are allowed. Claims 1-4, 13, 14, and 24-48 have been cancelled. Claims 49 and 50 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 49 is a method claim based upon certain of the limitations of Claim 5 (allowed). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that new Claim 49 is allowable. Furthermore since Claim 50 is dependent on Claim 49, Applicant respectfully submits that this claim is also allowable.

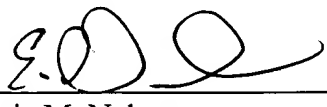
Summary

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is specifically requested. If the Examiner has any questions that may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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